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Date: March 14, 2019

Dear Interested Participant:

An Environmental Assessment (EA), Draft Decision Notice (DN), and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Copper Mountain Resort Snowmaking and Summer Uses Project has been completed and is available for your review. A Response to Comments document is available on the project website and contains responses to comments received from the public on the Notice of Proposed Action, which was distributed to the public in November 2018. There will be no further comment period on this project, but individuals who submitted timely and specific written comments during the prior scoping and comment period (November 9, 2018 to December 9, 2018) will have eligibility to file an objection under 36 CFR § 218.8. Objections to the documents must be received within 45 days of the publication of a legal notice in the *Glenwood Springs Post Independent*, which is anticipated to occur on March 15, 2019.

The EA analyzes the effects of projects proposed by Copper Mountain Resort within the existing special use permit (SUP) area on lands administered by the Dillon Ranger District of the White River National Forest. The Proposed Action in the draft Decision Notice expands snowmaking coverage by 73.4 acres, expands the mountain biking and hiking trail networks by 21 and 14 miles respectively, adds summer programming centered around camping, and extends the existing 'A-1' mountain access road by 370 feet. As the Responsible Official with approval authority for these activities, I have identified the Proposed Action as the Selected Alternative. The Selected Alternative includes implementation of the above projects to address the Purpose and Need for action identified in the EA. An [interactive Story Map](#) for the project has been developed and is available for review.

At a minimum, an objection must include the following: objector's name and physical mailing address; signature or other verification of authorship upon request; identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed; name of the proposed project; name and title of Responsible Official; and name of national forest unit(s) on which the project will be implemented (36 CFR § 218.8(d)).

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding federal holidays) to: Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, 1617 Cole Blvd. Building 17, Lakewood, CO 80401; Fax: 303-275-5134 to the attention of Objections; or Email: r02admin-review@fs.fed.us. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an e-mail message, plain text (.txt), portable document format (.pdf), rich text format (.rtf), or MS Word (.doc).


Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of the project's legal notice, The Post Independent. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not



rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this project. The EA, FONSI, and Draft DN are available at the Dillon Ranger District Office and on-line at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54909>. For additional information regarding this project or decision, please contact: Sam Massman at smassman@fs.fed.us or by phone at 970-262-3484.

Sincerely,



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